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Resource Management and Climate Protection Task Force **Minutes from the 1-13-12 Meeting**

Next meeting:

In attendance:

Noelle Bell-Copley, Ecology Action
Jim Cogan, PG&E
Pedro Gonzalez, South San Francisco City Council*
Jorge Jaramillo, San Mateo County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Will Klein, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)
Kathy Lavezzo, PG&E (1:15)
Richard Napier, C/CAG
Lisa Paulo, CPUC
Lauren Swezey, Facebook
Barbara Pierce, Redwood City Council*
Sepi Richardson, Brisbane City Council*
Kim Springer, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)
Randy Torrijos, representing Dave Pine, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Susan Wright, San Mateo County RecycleWorks (staff)

Not in attendance:

Bob Cormia, Foothill De Anza Community College
Deborah Gordon, Committee Chair, Woodside Town Council*
Maryann Moise Derwin, Committee Vice Chair, Portola Valley Town Council*
Dave Pine, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*
Nicole Sandkulla, BAWSCA
Eric Sevim, A+ Japanese Auto Repair
*=Voting member

- 1) **Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves and their organizations. Barbara Pierce chaired the meeting since neither the Chair nor Vice Chair were in attendance.
- 2) **Public Comment:** Lisa Paulo asked about the composition of the committee.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the October 2011 meeting were approved.
- 4) **Update on San Mateo County Energy Watch Program (Susan Wright, Will Klein):**

Susan Wright explained the latest energy savings charts. The program is basically at goal for kW and kWh savings. Therms are more of a challenge because of the longer payback of heating and

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cooling projects and the different financial circumstances most cities are in. SMCEW has been promoting PG&E's zero percent financing (www.pge.com/obf) and plans to host a meeting for cities about using ESCOs (energy savings companies) in February. In addition, SMCEW plans to make presentations about these two opportunities to C/CAG committees and other organizations. It was suggested that SMCEW send a letter to mayors and city managers. Lisa Paulo explained that this is why the CPUC likes working through local governments – to take advantage of local relationships and understanding of the issues.

Susan explained that Will Klein has completed two short videos highlighting the positive experiences that Hillside Church of God and Puente de la Costa Sur had with the SMCEW program. The videos can be found on YouTube and will also be embedded on the SMCEW website shortly. <http://www.youtube.com/user/smcenergywatch?feature=watch>

The videos will be the centerpieces of an email campaign to local nonprofit groups. Barbara Pierce suggested that they be sent to Rabbi Jay Miller to ask him to forward them to the Peninsula Interfaith Network. Kathy Lavezzo thought that an item could be sent out in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter. Pedro Gonzalez knows of a church in South San Francisco that could use Energy Watch.

5) Update on Climate Action Plan Template:

Kim Springer explained that the template and tool project is now called Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Suite (RICAPS). The four elements are the CAP Template, Menu of Measures, Hara ESS Tool, and Users Manual. At present, the documents are located on the San Mateo County Energy Watch website:

http://www.smcenergywatch.com/countytwide_climate_action.shtml

Kim said that the CAP Template draft is mostly finalized. Three organizations have contacted him to give comments: San Mateo County Healthy Systems, Food Systems Alliance, and the Sierra Club. Their input is currently being integrated into the document. The Menu of Measures is mostly final, but still a work in progress. Other cities will be contributing additional measures. The Hara CSS Tool continues to be customized for our purposes. Hara's quarterly technology update in March will include several enhancement that will benefit RICAPS.

The December 20 informational workshop was well attended, and included representatives from 12 cities and the county. The presentation included a step-by-step explanation of how to develop a climate action plan using RICAPS. Pacifica and San Bruno are currently using RICAPS to develop their CAPS; they should be finished by February. Belmont, Colma, Cupertino, Millbrae, and Portola Valley have committed to using RICAPS in 2012; other cities have expressed interest in using RICAPS to develop a CAP and/or upload the data from their completed CAP into the Hara ESS tool. The goal is to get all 20 San Mateo County cities and the County to upload their data into the tool.

Kim and Richard Napier explained that C/CAG has been reaching out to additional counties to offer RICAPS tools. Presentations have been made to the Santa Clara County City Managers, Santa Clara County Planning Directors, and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG). Richard will be making a presentation to the congestion management directors at the end of the month. C/CAG is planning to apply for additional grant funding to promote RICAPS to more counties in the region. Sepi Richardson suggested presenting RICAPS to the League of California Cities at their annual workshop in September.

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Kim explained that there are other CAP planning tools. ICLEI developed tools for SEEC. It is more in pieces, not integrated like RICAPS. Lisa Paulo mentioned that the CPUC is funding a best practices position – Pat Stoner spreads the word about what local governments are doing in different regions. Sepi Richardson would like to work on an inventory of best practices.

6) Presentation and Discussion on California Public Utilities Commission Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan (Lisa Paulo):

Lisa Paulo presented the CPUC’s Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan that was developed in 2008. It is intended to be a roadmap for energy efficiency through 2020 and beyond. Kim Springer explained that this information will help the RMCP in updating the San Mateo County Energy Strategy.

The plan is designed to achieve the “Four Big Bold Energy Efficiency Strategies”:

1. All new commercial new construction in California will be zero net energy by 2030.
2. All new residential construction in California will be zero net energy by 2020.
3. The heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) industry will be reshaped (for residential and small commercial).
4. All eligible low-income homes will be energy efficient by 2020.

To do this, market transformation is needed. \$3.1 billion in funding has been approved for 2010-2012, with an additional \$750 million appropriated separately for low income. Local government partnerships were allocated \$233 million.

Lisa’s Power Point presentation is included with the minutes. At a future meeting, the RMCP committee will go over the slides to assess what San Mateo County is doing and what our goals are.

7) Committee Member Updates

No updates were given.

8) Next Regular Meeting Date: Friday, February 10, 1-3pm